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AIRSHIPS SEARCH DESERT FOR LOST MILITARY FLYERS

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 8.—Belief that Col. Francis C. Marshall and Lieut. Charles L. Webber, who left Rockwell Field yesterday morning in an airplane for Fort Huachuca, near Tucson, and late today had not been heard from, had made a forced landing in the Arizona desert, was conveyed to Rockwell Field officers today in a telegram from Captain Lowell Smith, heading a division of searching airplanes.

Captain Smith, commander of the army's aerial forest patrol forces in the ninth corps area, led three De Havilland planes from Rockwell Field early today, he reported by telegraph that Lieut. Webber's plane, in which Colonel Marshall was flying as a passenger, had passed over Astrella, midway between Yuma and Tucson, at about 1 p. m. yesterday. Webber's plane was due at Tucson an hour before that.

TUCSON, Dec. 8.—In preparation for a thorough reconnaissance of the country between here and Yuma in search for an army plane, which has been missing since yesterday, two airplanes from San Diego arrived here this evening at 5:45 o'clock.

Considerable apprehension is felt for the safety of Colonel Francis C. Marshall and Lieut. Charles Webber, the two occupants of the missing plane, who left San Diego Thursday morning on a trip to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where they expected to inspect the army post. Enroute the two plane passengers planned to stop at Tucson for the purpose of inspecting the R. O. T. C. of the University of Arizona. However since leaving the coast city no word has been received from the airmen and owing to their failure to arrive at Tucson it is believed that they either met with an accident or were required to make a forced landing due to mechanical trouble.

THOMAS MADDOCK IS MADE SHRINE POTENTATE

PHOENIX, Dec. 8.—Thomas Maddock, state engineer, was elected potentate of the El Zaribah temple of the Mystic Order of the Shrine at the election of officers for the coming year.

The new officers of the order were installed by the retiring officials.

Others elected were Dr. R. F. Palmer, of Mesa, chief rabban; Harlan J. Gray, of Belmont, assistant rabban; Herbert Hotchkiss, of Phoenix, priest and prophet; Peter Howell, of Tucson, oriental guide; H. D. McVay, of Phoenix, trustee; George H. N. Luhrs, of Phoenix, treasurer, and Harry B. St. Claire, of Phoenix, recorder.

The representatives of the imperial council which meets next June are Vic Hanny of Phoenix, H. A. Morgan, of Wilcox, Shirley Christy, of Phoenix, and Thomas Maddock of Phoenix.

EX-SERVICE MAN WHO TOOK POISON WILL LIVE

TUCSON, Dec. 9.—Fred Webber, ex-service man who recently attempted to commit suicide by taking poison while in a fit of despondency over failure to secure employment and to provide himself with the necessities of life, was reported today to be slowly recovering. Webber swallowed three poison tablets while walking along a crowded downtown street.

Lynn White Gives \$150 Community Xmas Tree Fund

Lynn White, of White & Miller, paying contractors, upon learning that the Tombstone Girls' Basket Ball Club was contemplating means of raising funds for a Community Xmas tree, along the same lines as the tree of last year, gave the Club his check for \$150, the amount estimated to be raised for the purpose.

The Basket Ball Club will have charge of all arrangements for the Community Tree, and, judging from the success of last year's events, many young hearts will be gladdened through the endeavor of the Club and the kindness of Mr. White.

The Basket Ball Club wish to express their sincere thanks to Mr. White for his generous donation, and will spare no effort to see that the greatest good will come from the expenditure, in other words that those who would not otherwise receive their share of Xmas cheer than thru a Community Tree, will be properly cared for along this line.

FAKE OIL DRILLER VICTIMIZING TOWNS NORTHERN COCHISE

Several towns along the line of the Southern Pacific have been visited during the past ten days by a man giving the name of Wilson, who claimed to be a representative of the Texas Oil Company of Dallas, Texas.

He first landed in Bowie, where he claimed that he had a well drilling outfit on the siding at Tanque, near Bowie, and that he was going to start drilling for oil in the Bowie district. He engaged men to haul the drilling outfit to the field and then went to Horrence's Lumber Yard where he purchased lumber and timber to build the derrick, offering to pay with a draft on a Texas bank for \$200. He also had a draft endorsed at a local hotel. A telegram was sent to the bank in Texas and it was discovered that the drafts were no good. Wilson was apprehended just as he was about to leave Bowie and was made to give over the money. The next day word came from the Bureau Detective agency that Wilson was wanted in Oklahoma for a similar act.

Wilson next showed up at Benson with the story that he was about to start drilling at Fairbank. He cashed a draft at the Benson Lumber & Commercial company for lumber for the derrick and secured \$11.00 in change for the balance. Word came back also that the draft was worthless and that Wilson was wanted for the same scheme in several places in Texas and Oklahoma.

TO INVESTIGATE DEATH OF PIONEER

County Attorney John F. Ross this morning left for Dos Cabezas, where an investigation will be conducted as to the cause of death of Michael Olds, old-time resident of that place, who passed away late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning.

At first it was reported that Olds came to his death through natural causes, but later reports reached the county attorney's office that foul play was feared.

Mr. Ross left early this morning to begin the investigation. Meagre reports as to the cause of death could be obtained this afternoon.

Colorado Is Greatest Asset of the Nation, Hoover Tells Arizona

PHOENIX, Dec. 8.—Governor elect George W. P. Hunt, of Arizona, who conferred this afternoon with Secretary of Commerce Hoover on the Colorado river compact, entered into by the seven river basin states at Santa Fe N. M. last month, announced tonight that his "position was unchanged" as a result of the conference.

During the hearings of the Colorado river commission at Santa Fe, Governor elect Hunt sent a telegram to Mr. Hoover as chairman of the commission, setting forth his opinion that Arizona could not ratify a compact for at least two years due to the lack of adequate surveys and engineering data in regard to the state's irrigation possibilities.

The pact must be ratified by the legislatures of all seven states as well as congress before it will become effective.

In stating tonight that his position was "unchanged" Mr. Hunt offered no comment or elaboration of his previously expressed views.

Mr. Hunt declared that Mr. Hoover had imparted much interesting information in regard to the Colorado river enterprise.

Secretary Hoover also held conferences with groups of members of the Arizona state legislature and members elect of the sixth legislature before which the compact will be brought for ratification.

"The Colorado river compact, which has reached the stage of ratification or rejection by the legislatures of the

Accused Nurse Found Guilty 1st Degree Murder

FLORENCE, Ariz., Dec. 8.—Miss Catherine Encinas was found guilty of first degree murder for the slaying of Dr. W. G. Randall, prominent Florence physician, by a jury in superior court here today. The jury recommended life imprisonment.

Judge Joseph Jenckes, of Phoenix, who presided at the trial, set December 21 for passing sentence. Defense attorneys indicated they would ask for a new trial at the time. The jury had been out since late yesterday.

Dr. Randall was shot and killed August 30 in the apartment of Miss Encinas, a nurse, who had previously been employed by him. Miss Encinas surrendered to the sheriff immediately afterward.

The defendant testified during her trial that she shot in self defense after Dr. Randall had offered her money for some "letters," called her "vile names," and threatened to kill her.

RECOVER TWO EMPTY JEWELRY CASES IN HOTEL IN RODEO, N. M.

DOUGLAS, Dec. 9.—A trunk and empty jewelry cases taken from an automobile stolen from Charles Purdum, traveling salesman for a Chicago jewelry company, in Bisbee Thursday by a boy whom he had given a lift, were recovered in Rodeo yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Ed Leahy. The jewelry cases had been broken into and the contents taken, but the trunk was unopened. The trunk and empty cases had been left in a Rodeo hotel by the boy, who told the proprietor that he would return for them in

Young Winkler Gets Off With Suspended Term

TUCSON, Dec. 8.—Edward Winkler received a suspended sentence of ten years in the penitentiary for his participation in the holdup of the Golden State Limited and his father, George Winkler, Sr., received a ten year sentence, after Judge Kirk T. Moore had overruled the motion of the attorney for the defense for a new trial. The elder Winkler will be taken to Florence tomorrow to begin service of his sentence. During the next ten years young Winkler will be compelled to report at regular intervals to the probation officer and if he desires to leave the state he will be required to obtain the permission of the court.

The attorney for the defense announced he would appeal the case of the elder Winkler to the state supreme court. George Jirou, confessed member of the party will be sentenced at a later date. Jirou, at the preliminary examination and subsequent trial in superior court of the two Winklers, testified in full regarding the holdup. In addition to the Winklers he implicated Santiago Valdez, a Mexican goat herder, who was employed by Tom Dugat, one of the members of the gang who was killed by express messenger Stewart. Valdez is still at large.

Purdum picked up his ungrateful passenger outside of Bisbee and brought him into town. He drove the car into a garage and left it. A few minutes later the boy appeared at the garage and told the man in charge that Purdum wanted his car at the hotel and drove away with it and two cases of sample jewelry valued at \$2,000.

Dragoon Girl is Married in This City Today

Miss Joyce Nora Adams, of Dragoon, and Arthur Virgil Mercer, of Oracle, Ariz., were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony in this city today, Judge H. P. Merrill performing the ceremony that sent the happy pair down the path of life together.

The bride is the charming daughter of Supervisor and Mrs. D. A. Adams, pioneers residents of Dragoon and Cochise county, having been reared in southern Arizona. She enjoys a large circle of friends in the north end of the county, where the Adams family have taken a leading part in the up-building of that section.

Birdie C. Adams and Lloyd Clyde, sister and brother of the bride, acted as witnesses at the ceremony.

The young couple will make their home in Oracle.

ARIZONAN IS SEEN IN DOUGLAS AFTER REPORTED AS LOST

CLIFTON, Ariz., Dec. 8.—While hundreds of citizens in poses are searching the woods and canyons in the vicinity of Mulecreek for Douglas Pascoe, missing since he went on a hunt seven days ago, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pascoe today were informed the youth was with a young woman at Clifton Sunday.

J. D. Anderson, driver of the auto stage line running from Clifton, reported to Mr. Pascoe that he had met a young woman in Douglas who said she was out with young Pascoe Sunday evening.

A telegram has been received by the sheriff here from the chief of police in Douglas confirming this and advising that he was making every effort to locate the young man.

Pascoe's friends can see no reason for his disappearing in this manner when he left his two friends and his father's car in the hills.

A hundred citizens of Clifton, two round-up camps from Arizona and the Park's outfit from New Mexico joined in the search which has been kept up steady night and day for seven days. Men and horses are all worn out.

Pascoe was hunting near Mulecreek with Sidney Bills last Wednesday. When darkness fell and the former had not returned to their automobile Bills fired several shots in the air, which were not answered.

He waited longer and when his comrade failed to return, came back here and reported.

Fear was expressed that Pascoe had fallen into some canyon and was injured. Every canyon in the vicinity was explored.

FORMER TOMBSTONE DIES IN LORDSBURG

The following is taken from the Lordsburg Liberal, regarding the death of O. A. Simpson, former resident of Tombstone:

"Following a protracted illness, O. A. Simpson, who moved here with Mrs. Simpson several weeks ago from Benson, passed away Friday morning at the age of 54. He leaves, aside from his sorrowing widow, three children, Earl, Kenneth and Olive, all of Tucson, who drove over to attend the funeral, which was held from the family home Saturday afternoon.

"The deceased has been very highly respected in all communities where he has lived, and his death is a source of deep regret to his large circle of friends. The family is grief-stricken."

WHERE MILLION DOLLAR BOND ISSUE WAS SPENT

(By A. H. Gardner)

A million dollars is no little sum of money especially when it is voted by taxpayers for any special purpose and the taxpayers should know where it went, and for that purpose I have compiled the figures on our million dollar bond issue, voted December 4, 1917, to build roads in Cochise county.

With interest added the working capital of the two highway commissions, which handled the road construction, was an even \$1,010,796.92.

For the construction of the paved road between Lowell and Douglas there was expended \$610,312.17.

For widening the paving between Bisbee and Lowell \$6,525.96.

For the construction of the Silver Creek bridge, east of Douglas, \$9,323.86.

For the building of the road east of Douglas to Rodeo, N. M. line, the sum of \$118,701.62.

The Tombstone to Benson section cost the sum of \$155,664.70 and the Pearce to Cochise section cost \$76,517.47.

Preliminary work Cochise to Willcox \$67.62. Benson to Pima county line cost \$736.61, making a total of \$1,008,214.51, enabling the highway commission to turn back into the general road fund \$2,581.52.

In conclusion, the taxpayers should know that the road from Pearce to Cochise was built by bond issue money and is maintained by the county highway department. The entire highway from Pima county line to Rodeo, N. M., was built by the state highway department and bond issue money, and is maintained by the state highway department.

The Tombstone-Nogales section to Santa Cruz line was built by the state highway department and is maintained by them.

FWOULDER URGES OWNERS SAVINGS STAMPS TO EXCHANGE THEM SOON

"It is to be hoped that every person who can do so will exchange War Savings Stamps, soon to fall due, for Treasury Savings Certificates," said Postmaster W. A. Fowler today.

"The large amount of money invested and the great number of persons who purchased war savings stamps showed that the people of this country could save money when the necessity arose. Now, if they will take the money they saved when they bought stamps to aid the government in the prosecution of the war and buy Treasury savings certificates, they will demonstrate that the thrift lessons of the war have not been without effect. The holders of war savings stamps have seen investments of about \$20.50 grow to \$25 in five years, and larger amounts in the same proportion. They can see the same thing repeated if they reinvest in Treasury savings certificates. Interest accumulates at the rate of 4 per cent each year, compounded semi-annually. These savings certificates are exempt from the normal Federal income tax, and from all state and local taxation (except estate and inheritance taxes), and may be held to the amount of \$5,000, maturity value, for each issue, by every member of a family. They are backed by the credit of the United States Government, and afford an easy and sure method of saving."